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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification

Remarks are included following the amendments.